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    DEBORAH BURNETT-PIRRONE,
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DEBORAH BURNETT-PIRRONE,

Plaintiff,

OCASE NO.:

Vs.

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE

INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois

corporation; DOES I through X, and

ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,

inclusive,

Defendants.

Defendants.

#### DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: LANCE WILSON, Clerk, United States District Court for the District Court of Nevada.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant, STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, (hereinafter referred to as Defendant) hereby removes the state court action titled DEBORAH BURNETT-PIRRONE vs. STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, Case No. A-15-715116-C, filed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial

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District Court for the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Clark, to this Court. A copy of the Complaint and Proof of Service are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and are incorporated herein by reference.

The grounds for removal are:

- 1. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 and 28 U.S.C. (a) - (c), in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and, upon information and belief, the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs, as set forth below.
- 2. Plaintiff DEBORAH BURNETT-PIRRONE is a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 3. Defendant, STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, hereinafter, Defendant, is a corporation doing business and incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, with its principal place of business being in Bloomington, Illinois, and, as such at all relevant times therein has never been a citizen of the State of Nevada.
- 4. The Defendants sued as DOES 1-X and ROE CORPORATIONS 1-X are fictitious parties and are not relevant to the determination of subject matter jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) (For purposes of removal jurisdiction under this

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defendants the citizenship of sued under fictitious names shall be disregarded.)

- 5. This lawsuit is premised on alleged breach of contract, and violation of unfair claims practices act in connection with Plaintiff's underinsured motorist investigation of claim arising out of motor vehicle accident in which Plaintiff was involved on March 25, 2010. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff is seeking: general damages; special damages; pre-judgment interest, and attorney fees and costs. Plaintiff is also seeking exemplary and punitive damages.
- 6. Venue is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(a) and 1446(a)-(b), and Local Rule 8-1. This action was originally brought in the 8th Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada and the Complaint alleges the events claimed give rise to liability which occurred in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. This Notice of Removal is timely filed within thirty days of service as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) in that it is filed within thirty days after March 20, 2015, which is when Plaintiff served Defendant with a copy of the Summons and Complaint via Commissioner of Insurance.

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8. Pursuant to 28	U.S.C. §1446 (d)	, Defendant has prepared and					
will file with	the Clerk of the	8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court					
a Notice of Removed Action.							
DATED this 17	day of April,	2015.					

RANALLI & ZANIEL, LLC

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## CERTIFICATE VIA CM/ECF

Pursuant to FRCP 5, I hereby certify that I am an employee of RANALLI & ZANIEL, LLC, and that on the 2015, I caused to be served via CM/ECF a true and correct copy of the document described herein.

Document Served: NOTICE OF REMOVAL -FEDERAL COURT

Person(s) Served:

Michaela E. Tramel, Esq. TRAMEL LAW GROUP, LLC 9480 S. Eastern Avenue Suite 257 Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 Attorney for Plaintiff

**EXHIBIT "A"** 

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FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES (beneficially) referred to as "STATE FARM") was an "insurer" as defined by NRS 679A. 100, licensed to combact business and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

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5. That at all times mentioned, the Defendants, including DOES and ROES, were the agents: servents, employees, employers, trade ventures, and/or partners of each other. At the time of the incident described in this Complaint, the Defendants were acting within the color, purpose and scope of their relationships, and by reason of their relationships. Defendants we jointly and severally and/or vicasiously responsible and hable for the acts and omissions of their Co-Defendants.

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- 7. That ROE CORPORATIONS I through V are insurance companies, cusually companies, corporations, or other business entities who wrote or participated in writing Defendant's policies of insurance or who participand in the claims processing and/or handling of Plainniff's claim, as hearin elleged.
- 8. That specifically, Plaintiff alleges that our or more of the ROE CORPORATION Defendants was and is liable to Plaintiff for benefits under the underinsured/uninsured motorist enverage policy of insurance and/or responsible for evaluation of Plaintiff's underingual/ uningareti mounist claim.

## FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

- Ŷ. On or about March 25, 2010, Plaintiff was stormed eastbeamd on TR 215 at Stephanie Street in a 2005 Jeep Liberty when Jerry L. Kmite negligently failed to decrease his speed, colliding into the back of Plaintiff's vehicle, causing damage and injuries.
- At the time, lerry L. Kanice had statetory and contensor law duties to operate his ŀO. vehicle in a sufe meaner sail to ensure the said operation of the same.
- Jerry L. Kimica breached his standary and common law duties to Plaintiff, and ii. received a Faiture to Use Due Care citation from the Nevada Highway Putrol.
- 12. Plaintiff sustained sectors and debilitating injuries and subsequently submitted a claim to lerry L. Kmiec's insorance carrier, Farmer's lumrance, which paid the applicable policy limits to Plaintiff.

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That as a direct and proximate result of letty L. Kniete's negligence and 13. carefessuess. Plaintiff has been caused to suffer bodily injury, disability, andical treatment, a loss of enjoyment of life, great pain and suffering of mind and body, some or all of which may be permanent and/or experienced in the future, all to her general demages in an amount in excess of \$76,000.00.

- That as a further and proximate result of Jerry L. Kniec's negligence and Ž4. carclessness. Plaintiff was required to, and did employ, physicians and surgeons for medical exeminations, treatment and cure of these injuses and did been prediced and incidental expenses, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- That as a further direct and proximate result of Jerry L. Kinice's negligence and 15. carelessness, Flainiff sustained a loss of earnings and earning capacity.
- At the time of the March 25, 2010 rollision, Plaintiff was covered by a policy of 15. insurance held with Defendant STATE FARM (policy No. C09-5352-E01-28G) providing uniasured and enderingered motorist coverage.
- Defendable has refused to pay Plaintiff the policy limits under the applicable 17. coverage.

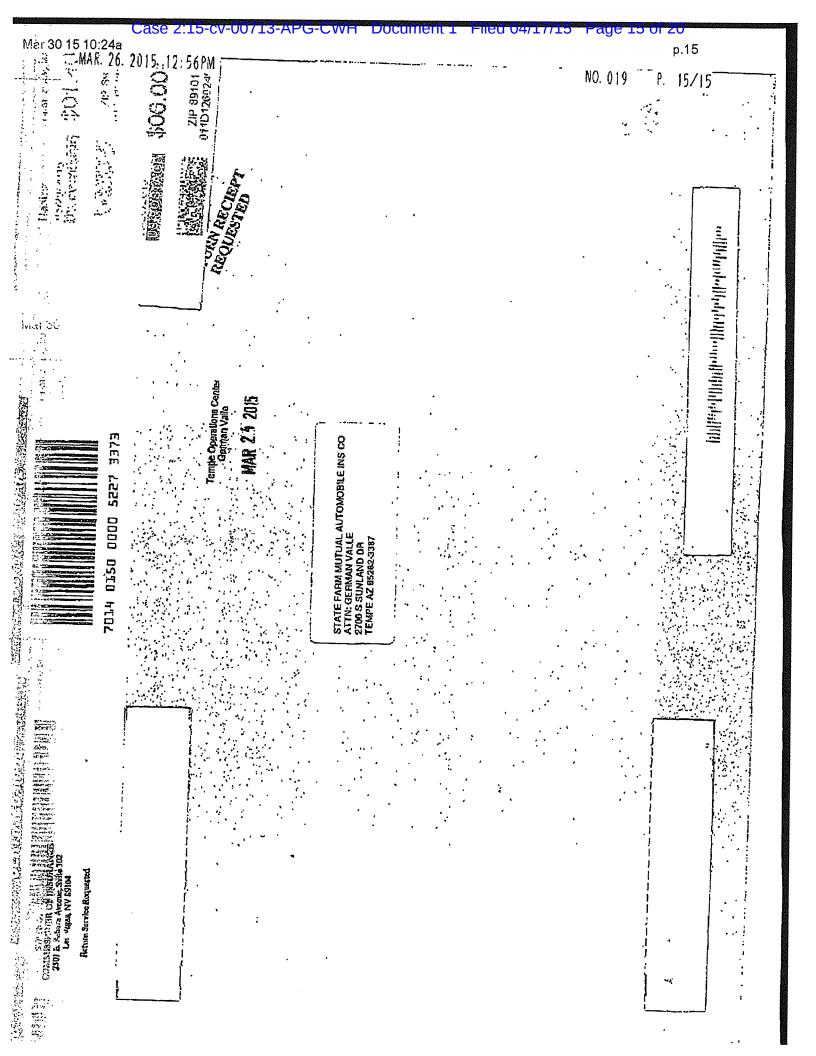
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March 20, 2015

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Attn: German Valle 2700 S. Sunland Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282-3387

RE: Deborah Burnett-Pirrone vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, et al. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-715116-C

Dear Mr. Valle:

Enclosed please find the following documents: Summons - Civil and Complaint. These documents have been served upon the Commissioner of Insurance for service of process on March 19, 2015.

The appropriate action should be taken immediately, as you may only have 30 days from the date of this service to respond.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please advise.

Sincerely,

SCOTT J. KIPPER
Commissioner of Insurance

By:

RHONDA KELLY

Service of Process Clerk

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c: Michaela E. Tramel, Esq.

Case 2:15-cv-00713-APG-CvvH Document 1 Mar 30 15 10:10a p.3 MAR. 26. 2015 12:48PM NO. 019 P. 3/15 1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 I hereby declare that on this day I served a copy of the Summons - Civil and Complaint upon the following defendant in the within matter, by shipping a copy thereof, via Certified 3 4 mail, return receipt requested, to the following: 5 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Attn: German Valle б 2700 S. Sunland Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282-3387 CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7014 0150 0000 5227 3373 7 .v. 31 8 I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. 9 DATED this 20th day of March, 2015. 10 11 12 RHONDA KELLY Employee of the State of Nevada 13 Department of Business and Industry Division of Insurance 14 15 RE: Deborah Burnett-Pirrone vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, et al. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada 16 Case No. A-15-715116-C 17 18 19 20 State of Nevada, Division of Insurance This document on which this certificate is stamped is a full, true and correct copy of the original. 21 22 Date: 3/20/15 By: Monda Hella 23 24 25

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March 20, 2015

Michaela E. Tramel, Esq. Tramel Law Group, LLC 9480 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 257 Las Vegas, NV 89123

RE: Deborah Burnett-Pirrone vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, et al. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-715116-C

Dear Ms. Tramel:

The Division received the service of process documents on March 19, 2015 regarding the above-entitled matter. Service has been completed on State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company this date and enclosed are the following:

- 1. A copy of our letter to State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company dated March 20, 2015:
- 2. A certified copy of the Proof of Service dated March 20, 2015; and
- 3. Your receipt in the amount of \$30.00.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 680A.260, 685A.200, and 685B.050, all documents after initial service of process may be served directly to the party.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please so advise.

Sincerely,

SCOTT J. KIPPER

Commissioner of Insurance

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- File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written a. response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
- Ь. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Coraplaint.
- If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

Submitted by:

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